

## OIL AND GAS

Adair, Cumberland, Russell  
Counties, Kentucky.

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## AGREAT GUSHER STRUCK

Another "Burning Well" in Cumberland.

What is thought will be to be the greatest pool of oil ever struck in this section of the country, not barring the famous old wells of years ago, was tapped on Friday last by the Allied Producers Company when they drilled in a well at a depth of 480 on the farm of G. W. Coop, Jr., located on Sulphur Creek, Cumberland county, ten miles south of Burkesville, and a short distance from Peytonsburg. It came in under terrific pressure and was beyond control for two or three days. The great flow caught fire Friday night and before the flames could be extinguished the drilling rig and other equipment was completely destroyed, and some of the crew were slightly burned. The fire could be seen all over the surrounding country and no such excitement has been witnessed in that section since the discovery of the "Old Burning Well" in Salt Lick Bend in 1902. After getting the fire under control reliable reports say the oil flowed freely at the rate of some 40 barrels an hour, nearly as much more is reported as having gone to waste. The capacity of the well is not yet known, but it has been estimated that it will produce from 1000 to 1500 barrels daily. Operators and others interested in oil development in large numbers are rushing to the scene daily in autos and by teams and a large dirigible was seen hovering over the locality on Saturday. Reports of eyewitnesses who have seen the well say it is a wonder, and the quality of oil as a superior grade.

Mr. W. E. Sarvent, of Chicago and New York, who is temporarily located here, and who has valuable lease holdings in the vicinity of the Sulphur Creek gusher, reported this week, advises that he contemplates the beginning of drilling operations in that locality in the immediate future.

Richardson & Goff, local operators, are expecting to drill in No. 2 well on the J. M. Radford farm, Brush Creek, any day. Well No. 1 is proving very satisfactory on the pump, and No. 2, which is located near by, and which is also an offset well to another fine well, will no doubt be a good producer.

Mr. Lilburn Phelps, Louisville, president of the McMeath Oil Company, was in town during the past week, and he reported that they are now engaged in getting the property at Creelsboro in good shape preparatory to the marketing of their product soon. They are talking of "shooting" all or at least a portion of their wells, which would no doubt prove very beneficial to them.

Kash, Walker & Kash, Lexington, have recently completed

well No. 5 on the Jake Radford farm, Brush Creek, and it is reported to be a very promising one.

A fine flow of oil was encountered recently in the drilling of a water well on the Joe Sparks farm, located on Renox Creek, some five or six miles south of Breeding. The oil was found at a depth of twenty feet. Several other water wells in that section have been rendered worthless by being so strongly impregnated with oil.

Mr. Lucien Beckner, the well-known oil geologist from Winchester, Ky., arrived on Wednesday last for the purpose of making a survey and report on certain sections of Cumberland county for certain operators making their headquarters in Columbia. This is the second trip here of Mr. Beckner on a similar mission within the past thirty days.

Operations of the Southern Oil & Refining Company, Denver, on the Russ Gilbert farm, Brush Creek, have been held up for several days awaiting the arrival of a supply of smaller casing for well No. 5. The casing is now on the ground and drilling operations will again be rushed as fast as possible.

Certain operators from Pennsylvania and New York, who visited this section for the first time last week, expressed themselves as more than pleased with the outlook in this territory, and they did not hesitate to state they would return within the next few weeks for the purpose of beginning development work.

Mr. L. W. Dale, a well-known contractor from Blackwell, Oklahoma, now operating in the Brush Creek field, Cumberland county, has been spending a few days in town. Mr. Dale has great faith in that field.

Another 1,000 barrel barge of oil was moved from the Baker-ton or Brush Creek field a few days since, being taken to the Refinery at Nashville. The next trip of the barge will take product from the Creelsboro field.

Mr. S. S. Wilson, New York City, is having well No. 1 drilled on the Frank Radford farm, Brush Creek. This is the first development work of Mr. Wilson in this section.

Field men in charge of the J. B. Doolittle operations on the Fred Sparks farm, southeast of town, report outlook very promising for good results being obtained there soon.

## PERSONAL

Master Nathaniel Tutt is wrestling with shingles.

Mrs. M. O. Stevenson is visiting friends in Ohio.

Mr. J. W. Pendleton, a well known trader, was here last Friday.

Mr. Geo. Yates, of Louisville, who sells overalls, was here last Thursday.

Miss Thetis Williams who has been teaching at Hickman, Ky., returned home last week.

Dr. W. B. Helm and family were here from Greensburg Monday.

Mr. V. Sullivan, who is located at Paris, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family here.

Mr. J. O. Russell left Sunday for Chattanooga, Tenn., where his wife is visiting. They will return this week.

Eld. McGowan, State worker, of Louisville, will preach at the Christian church, this city, next Sunday night.

Mr. Edgar Royce, who is principal of the school at Boston, Ky., reached home last Saturday. He will return in September.

Mr. F. E. Allen, Bowling Green, who travels for the sale of gloves, was in Columbia last Thursday.

Mr. Bryan Garnett, who has been located at Spriggs, W. Va., for some time, is at home, on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ballard returned home last Monday night. Mr. Ballard has been busily engaged gardening since his return.

Eld. Z. T. Williams had a very severe attack of acute indigestion last Thursday morning. For several hours his condition was alarming.

Masters Joseph and Thomas Burdette, of Columbia, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burdette—Lebanon Falcon.

Mrs. E. S. Crume, mother of Mrs. Daisy Hamlett, arrived last Saturday night, to spend several weeks with her daughter and grandchildren.

Dr. O. P. Miller and wife returned from Cincinnati and Louisville last Wednesday afternoon. While in Louisville the doctor underwent a slight operation, and was greatly relieved.

Prof. F. M. Green and Misses Rhodus, Beauchamp and Ruby, all teachers in the Lindsey-Wilson, left for their homes a few days ago. They were very much liked by the school and the people of Columbia.

Mrs. A. O. Taylor upon her return from Covington, was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Esther Jones, the widow of the late Chesley Jones. She will be here until some time in June.

Rev. Frank E. Lewis, who some years ago, was principal of the Lindsey-Wilson and pastor of the Methodist Church here, was in last week to meet old friends and to be present at the Commencement of the L. W. T. S.

Mr. J. T. Goodman, who has a business in Miami, Okla., arrived last Tuesday afternoon. He has been absent about three months and has been having fine health. He weighs four pounds more than he has for several years. His many friends were glad to see him.

Miss Anna Mildred Chandler, who visited here two years ago, a niece of Mrs. Rollin Hurt, arrived from her home, Hillsboro, Texas, to spend the summer, last Tuesday afternoon. She is a popular young lady in Columbia, and her many friends were glad to see her.

## Additional Locals

This, Tuesday, afternoon, Lebanon and Columbia meet on the Lindsey-Wilson grounds. An interesting game is promised.

White's Cream Vermifuge is certain destruction to intestinal worms. It is harmless to children or adults. Price, 35c. Sold by Paul Drug Co.

Dr. L. B. Hart will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday forenoon and evening. In the afternoon he will fill the pulpit at Union.

The women voters of Kentucky, under the law, as construed by Attorney General Dawson, will have to pay a poll tax, said tax to go to the school fund.

Columbia Lodge No. 96 will confer the Master Masons degree on two next Thursday night. Come in, all that is entitled to sit in a Master Mason's Lodge.

St. Marys baseball team will meet the Columbia team on Lindsey-Wilson grounds next Thursday afternoon. An exciting game is expected. Come in, everybody.

## From Washington City.

Editor News:—

May 23, 1921.

Since the meeting of Congress, April 11, the Republican administration both in the executive and legislative branches has been making history rapidly, but in the opinion of observant Democratic leaders, it is the kind of history that will be of benefit principally as campaign material for the Democratic party.

Among the big outstanding events of political interest and importance was the action of President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes in making the United States again a participant in the various Allied Councils, which has caused a great conflict of opinion among the Republican leaders, and which has been openly challenged in the Senate by Senator LaFollette (Rep. Wis.) as "contrary to American ideals and principles."

Some of the Republican irreconcilables see in it a return to the foreign policies of President Wilson and an opening wedge to America's final leaders. Others point out that the present co-operation of the United States with the Allies goes far and beyond acceptance of the League principle and is likely to involve the United States in Foreign entanglements and "commitment never contemplated by advocates of the League. These latter base their statements on the language of Secretary Hughes' note to the Allies, naming the American representatives in the Allied Councils, which is as follows:

"Mr. George Harvey, appointed Ambassador to Great Britain, will be instructed on his arrival in England to take part as the representative of the President of the United States, in the deliberations of the Supreme Council. The American Ambassador to France (Mr. Wallace) will be instructed to resume his place as unofficial observer on the conference of Ambassadors, and Mr. Roland W. Boyden will be instructed to sit again in an unofficial capacity on the reparations commission."

Ambassador Wallace and Mr. Boyden simply resume the service of "unofficial observers," which were performed by our Ambassador to France and by Mr. Boyden under the Wilson administration, but attention is called to the fact that Col. Harvey is not designated as an unofficial participant in the Supreme Council, but as a representative of the President of the United States and is "to take part in the deliberations of the Supreme Council."

The Republican administration is taking some credit for Germany's acceptance of the Allied reparation demands, based on Secretary Hughes' refusal to make this government a mediator, but the foreign correspondents take the view that Germany's complete surrender was due entirely to the readiness and determination of France to invade the Ruhr district and Great Britain's acquiescence in the French policy.

Some of these correspondents are skeptical about Germany keeping her agreement, calling attention to the fact that the present German Cabinet is only a "makeshift," and that the element which has opposed fulfill-

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ment of the Treaty is preparing again to take over the government. Germany's failure to keep her latest agreement would again call for action by the Allied Supreme Council, of which the United States is now a member, with Col. Harvey representing President Harding.

The Knox Resolution for a separate peace with Germany, having passed the Senate is still held up in the House at this writing. President Harding has denied the charge that it is held up at his request, but he has done nothing to aid its speedy passage in that body. Last October and in his inaugural address, April 12, he was keen for the passage of the resolution. His apparent indifference to its delay at the present writing, while inconsistent, is in line with the trend of his administration toward participation in international affairs, a fact more pleasing to Democrats than to members of his own party.

Just how the Emergency Tariff Bill, which passed the Senate May 11, with one Republican (Moses, N. H.) voting against and 7 Democrats voting for it, is to aid the larger in whose interest it is pretended it was framed, is a matter which no advocate of the bill attempted to explain. As Senator Stanley (Kentucky) in a vigorous speech opposing it said it was submitted "in silence if not in shame."

Senators Hitchcock (Neb.) and King (Utah) opposed the provisions for an embargo on dyestuffs, the former pointing out that the industry has grown to a powerful trust whose foreign business in the last eight months approximated \$17,000,000. No Republican Senator undertook to say how the American farmer was to be aided in selling his surplus products abroad by shutting out dyestuffs. It has been frequently pointed out in the discussion of this bill that the troubles of the farmer are not due to a low tariff, but to the collapse of his foreign markets.

Senator Moses, not only voted against the bill, but made a speech against it in which he

warned his party against a repetition of its tariff policy in the Payne-Aldrich bill of 1909, which paved the way for Democratic success in the following Congressional elections, and in the National election two years later.

Another strong point made against the bill was that it takes effect in the planting season when the farmer is a purchaser instead of a seller and is in effect only six months.

Among the purely political developments of the week was President Harding's modification of President Wilson's order for the selection of first, second, and third class postmasters under civil service requirements. Instead of being required to select the candidate standing highest, the administration may under President Harding's order give the place to anyone of the first three at the head of the list. About 13,000 Post Offices are affected. Deserving Republicans, who are present in Washington in large numbers, seem to have no doubt that out of the highest three on the list the Postmaster General will find one Republican.

Politically speaking, there is a general disposition among Democratic leaders to avoid carping and factious criticism of the Harding administration and only to oppose such measures and policies as are clearly antagonistic to the welfare of the country. The general inclination is to give the administration a fair show, and then to hold it to strict accountability on its record.

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A bad sprain heals slowly if not treated with a remedy that has the power to penetrate the flesh. Ballard's Snow Liniment is especially adapted for such ailments. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Paul Drug Co.

Kentucky is becoming more and more a distinctively American State, according to statistics of foreign-born white population given out by the Census Bureau. The report shows that in the decade from 1910 to 1920 there was a decrease of 23.2 per cent in the number of Kentucky's foreign-born whites. There are now 30,720 foreign-born whites in Kentucky as against 40,054 in 1910, and 50,133 in 1900.